

Appl. No. 10/663,215
Amdt. dated May 13, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2005,

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, 2005, Applicants elect to prosecute Group IV, claims 30-41, with traverse. Applicants respectfully maintain that all the groups can be searched without an undue burden.

II. Status of the Claims

Following entry of the current amendment, claims 17-50, with claims 1-16 having been canceled herein. Claims 17-29 and 42-50 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

III. The Present Amendment

No new matter is added by the present amendment.

Claims 30 and 36 have been amended to recite that the peptide is of 40 or fewer amino acids. This recitation is supported throughout the specification, including claim 1 as originally presented and page 12, lines 16-17. (It is noted that the recitation concerning 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:6 was already part of claims 30 and 36.) Slight amendments have also been made to claim 30 to improve its clarity. Conforming changes have also been made in dependent claims 34 and 40. Conforming changes have also been made in the withdrawn claims.

Applicants note for the record that none of the amendments are made for a reason related to patentability, as is evident since there is no pending rejection against the claims. Accordingly, Applicants maintain they are entitled to the full equivalents of all elements of the claims.

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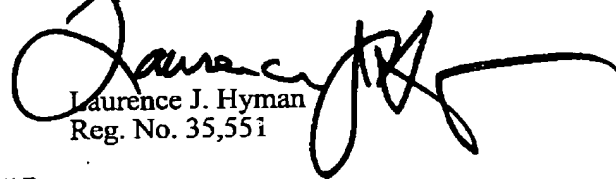
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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully maintain that the claims are presented are allowable, and look forward to an early notice of allowance reflecting that fact.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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